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the 22nd March 1960 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely fifteen, a poll will be taken on Friday, the 25th March 1960, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

(2) ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move.—

“ That, with reference to rule 221 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed, on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Speaker, to elect eleven members to be members of the House Committee for the financial year 1960-61. ”

The motion was put and carried.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on Monday, the 21st March 1960, the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the House Committee should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 21st March 1960. I also fix 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd March 1960, as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, eleven, a poll will be taken on Wednesday, the 23rd March 1960, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

V.—PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL (THIRD) SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1959-60.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I rise to present the Third Supplementary Estimates for the year 1959-60. The supplementary demand before the House is for Rs. 39.85 crores broken up as Rs. 9.84 crores on Revenue Account; Rs. 17.74 crores on Capital Account and the balance of Rs. 12.27 crores on Loans and Advances.

The magnitude of this is, no doubt, large but this only reflects the increasing tempo of plan activities and the large number of new schemes sanctioned during the year.

Hon. Members of this House will remember that when we presented the Budget Estimates for 1959-60, the Budget Estimates included estimates for a Plan of the size of only Rs. 34 crores and that now our expenditure during the current year on the Plan is expected to be Rs. 48 crores including Rs. 9.34 crores, the value of equipment received from Canada for the Kundah Project. Thus, there is a step up in Plan expenditure alone of the order of Rs. 14 to 15 crores nearly, which mainly accounts for the large supplementary demand.

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Before I go into the details of the supplementary demand, I may point out one main item viz., Power Development which accounts for Rs. 20 crores roundly out of the total sum of Rs. 39 crores. The equipment received from Canada for the Kundah Project up to the end of this year estimated at Rs. 934 lakhs is given by Government of India as a loan to this Government who in turn have to pass it on to the State Electricity Board. In this process, the value of equipment has first to be brought on the books of this Government and then the Government has to make a loan to the State Electricity Board. Thus, for the purpose of accounting, we have to first show it as expenditure by Government and then as a loan to the State Electricity Board. As a result of this budgetary requirement, in this supplementary estimate we have to take an appropriation twice, one for Rs. 934 lakhs under the grant '85. Capital Outlay on State Trading Schemes' and secondly under Loans and Advances by this State Government although the net outgo from Government will be nil on account of the receipt of corresponding loans from Government of India.

The question whether the value of this equipment should be adjusted in the current year within or outside the Plan has been under correspondence with Government of India for some years. Government of India have now agreed to adjust this amount *over and above* the current year's plan outlay; so as not to cut into the size of our plan. We are therefore proceeding to make the adjustments in the current year. Besides this, the outlay on schemes of the State Electricity Board which was originally programmed at Rs. 11 crores has since been stepped up to Rs. 14 crores. Provision has also been made for a reserve cash balance by the Electricity Board of the order of Rs. 63 lakhs.

As a result of these factors, Power alone accounts for a Supplementary Demand of Rs. 9.34 crores under '85. Capital Outlay on State Trading Schemes' and Rs. 10.34 crores under Loans and Advances, making in all a total of Rs. 19.68 crores.

We may now turn to certain other significant items in the supplementary demand. Hon'ble Members will see that we have asked for an appropriation of Rs. 114 lakhs on Education, mainly for the net-cost grant to the District Boards which has been found to be higher than was originally anticipated. Larger provisions have been made for medical schemes reflecting a large increase in the bed strength sanctioned during the year. We have also provided for the substantial sum of Rs. 114 lakhs for the Malaria Eradication Programme. It will be seen that although our net requirement under this head is Rs. 28 lakhs only, we have taken a demand of over Rs. 1 crore. This is because we have to take an appropriation from this House for the total expenditure although part of it comes in as receipts from Government of India.

Larger appropriations have also been taken under heads 'Irrigation and Civil Works.' Under Irrigation, the main factor explaining the large appropriation is the tempo of expenditure on

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Parambikulam-Aliyar Project. Under the present accounting system, the increase of outlay on a Project also leads to an increase in certain accounting transactions under what are known as 'Suspense Heads'. Although these are purely accounting adjustments and debits under this head are washed off by credits under the same, under the gross-budgeting procedure, we have to take an appropriation for the gross debits, ignoring the receipts or credits. As a result of this, under Suspense Heads, we are taking an appropriation of Rs. 3.79 crores under Irrigation and under Civil Works. They represent only book adjustments which will be wiped off completely by additional credits.

Members may be interested to know that we are taking an additional appropriation of Rs. 31 lakhs for repairs and maintenance of roads.

I may mention here that this Supplementary Estimate includes provision for nearly 64 new schemes sanctioned during the year. We are following the practice of sanctioning new schemes as and when they are ready. This continuing process of review and sanction of schemes and expanding needs of course results in our coming to the Legislature with a large supplementary demand. The Departments are thus placed in a position to fully review their requirements and to start new schemes throughout the year. The credit for the successful fulfilment of the Plan Schemes is thus in no small measure due to the readiness with which this House has been prepared to vote for these Supplementary Demands for the new services and expansion of existing schemes as and when they arise.

With these few words, I commend the Third Supplementary Estimates for acceptance by this House.

VI.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1960-61.

(1) DEMAND XIX—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(2) DEMAND XX—ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

(3) DEMAND XXXIX—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON AGRICULTURE.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move :

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 3,65,27,400 under Demand No. XIX—Agriculture and Fisheries'.

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,13,64,700 under Demand No. XX—Animal Husbandry'.

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 3,00,000 under Demand XXXIX—Capital Outlay on Agriculture'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Members Sri Anbazhagan, Sri M. Muni Reddi and Sri A. R. Marimuthu may move the cut motions given notice of by them to the respective Demands.